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# AUSTRIANS ARE UNABLE TO PREVENT ALLIED BARRER

## In the Mountains the Italians, British and French Troops Have the Upper Hand

### BATTLES ALONG THE PIAVE CONTINUE VIOLENT

#### The Invaders Are Being Swept Back Toward the Swollen River, Which Has Swept Away Many of Their Pontoon Bridges, Leaving Them in a Precarious Predicament—

#### In the Violent Air Fighting That is in Progress All Along the Front American Aviators Have Joined the Allied Airmen and Are Performing Daring Feats—Prisoners Taken By the Italians Are Noticeably Ill-Fed—The Hun- garian Premier Has Informed Parliament That the King- dom Has Only One Month of Food Necessary to Main- tain the People in Health.

The barrier the Italians and their allies have raised along the great battle arc from the Asiago plateau to the sea remains insuperable to the Austrians.

The operations by which the enemy had hoped to press his way from the mountain peaks in the Alps and across the Piave river to the plains of Venetia, thus far have met with almost signal failure. Where the enemy was able in the mountains to press back slightly the allied defenders of the front in the first days of their offensive the ground has been regained; where he crossed the Piave river and apparently was threatening the line of the front, he has been severely harassed at every point by the Italians.

In the mountains the Italians, British and French troops seemingly have the upper hand; along the Piave from the Montello plateau to the mouth of the river, the Austrians have been withstanding victorious thrusts by the enemy there and there, apparently are gaining the upper hand.

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## Cabled Paragraphs

### Austrians Lost 120,000 Men.

Paris, June 21.—The Austrian losses in their offensive on the Italian front exceed 120,000 men, according to a despatch to the Times from Rome, quoting the correspondent of the Corriere d'Italia.

### Three Military Aviators Killed.

London, June 21.—Lieutenant Vincent Flynn, of New Jersey, attached to the British Royal Air Force, was killed at Cheshire yesterday. His machine collided with another airplane in which there were two British flyers. These airmen also lost their lives.

### FEARING THE EFFECT OF PROHIBITION ON LABOR

The Senate Agriculture Committee Has Decided to Reopen Hearings.

Washington, June 21.—Fearing that absolute prohibition might so affect the labor of the country as to interfere with the prosecution of the war, the senate agriculture committee today decided to reopen hearings on the Jones prohibition amendment to the emergency agricultural appropriation bill in order to investigate more fully that phase of the question. The hearings were to have been held tomorrow, but owing to the inability of representatives of the shipping board and others to be present they were postponed until next Tuesday.

In reaching agreement to continue the hearings, the committee called upon Secretary Daniels, Postmaster General Burdon, Chairman Hurley, and Bainbridge Colby, of the shipping board; Director General Schwab of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, and the heads of a number of industrial plants employing large numbers of men to appear as witnesses. Supporters of the amendment also plan to call a number of witnesses.

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#### Used Two Airplanes—Fled Because of Conditions There.

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### GERMANY AGREES TO CONFER ON TREATMENT OF PRISONERS

#### Word Received From Spanish Ambassador at Berlin.

Washington, June 21.—Word reached today from the German ambassador at Berlin that the German government has agreed in principle to a conference with representatives of the United States to discuss the treatment, welfare and exchange of prisoners.

The United States proposed such a conference some time ago but until today had heard nothing from Germany on the subject. Switzerland or Spain probably will be the scene of the conference at which it is intended to take up all questions relating to the treatment and exchange of prisoners, including the pay of officers.

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# Establishment of an American Steamer Air Route to Europe Sunk in Collision

## IS DEFINITE PROJECT OF BRITISH AIR COUNCIL

### PLANS WELL ADVANCED

#### Initial Flight is to Be Made in August, September or October—It is Estimated the Trip Across the Atlantic Would Consume Forty Hours of Flying.

Washington, July 21.—Establishment of an air route to Europe from the United States in order to bring the full force of American effort to the air to bear against Germany has been decided upon as a definite project by the British air council, the heads of a number of industrial plants employing large numbers of men to appear as witnesses. Supporters of the amendment also plan to call a number of witnesses.

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## Condensed Telegrams

### Teaching of German in Wilkesbarre, Pa., Was Abandoned.

President Wilson issued a proclamation ordering control of stockyards July 25.

### The Navy Department issued a call for volunteers for the navy and the naval reserve.

### Early crops in Ontario and Yates County, New York, were damaged by a killing frost.

### First Lieutenant Loefer, one of Germany's best aviators, credited with 33 victories, was wounded.

### Gold to the amount of \$3,000,000 was received at the Federal Reserve Bank, of New York, from Canada.

### The German Government-General in Belgium has requisitioned all bronze statues in occupied territory.

### The military and naval forces of Brazil celebrated July 1, in honor of America's Independence Day.

### The Brazilian press commends the American Government for giving ships to transport coffee to New York.

### The Savoy Hotel, in London, released every man who was needed for the army or navy and is employing women.

### Professor Henry C. Emery, of New York, was reported by the Red Cross to be at Lauenburg, Germany, at the Hotel Katschke.

### Secretary McAdoo was ordered to a ranch out west to take a complete rest as his physicians believe his throat trouble serious.

### If the United States declares war against Turkey the armies in the Philippines may be used against the Ottoman Empire.

### The American Red Cross mission to Russia, headed by Lieut. Col. Raymond Hobbs, arrived at a Pacific port and left for the East.

### Sixteen persons were condemned to death by the Germans, following their arrest in East Flanders, Belgium, on a charge of espionage.

### Premier Lloyd George may discharge a number of British minor officials of alien origin or association because of public comment and criticism.

### Many letters have been received by Congressmen asking for the adoption of a 12 cent piece and 2 to 3 cent pieces to meet war time needs.

### Ralph Peters, thirteen years president and director of the Long Island Railroad, resigned and will begin his new position as Federal manager.

### R. S. Barret, commercial attaché, controller of freight tonnage, reduced the rates from Argentina to the United States from \$1000 gold a ton to \$25.

### Five hundred more high school boys between the ages of 15 and 21 are needed to help the labor shortage on the farms of Massachusetts.

### Berlin papers commenting on the activity of the American Red Cross, President Lincoln on May 29, announce there was heavy loss of life.

### The first American astronomer to pick up the new bright star recently discovered in the constellation Aquila was E. L. Gould of East Orange, N. J.

### Members of the district draft board having jurisdiction in the city of Boston started a campaign to ferret out draft dodgers under the selective service law.

### Discussing the Austrian reduction of the bread ration in the Cologne Gazette, announces that Germany will have to cut bread ration until the next harvest.

### Secretary Wilson announced that the importation of Mexicans to work in mines and agricultural fields will be permitted for the duration of war. No literacy test will be required.

### Representative Kahn, member of the House military affairs committee, announced a war department bill changing the draft ages. It will be presented at this session of Congress.

### Jacob J. Stern, a naturalized American millionaire born in Germany, was arrested in Paris on a charge of "in-military correspondence." He is said to have subscribed to the German war loan.

### COAL PRIORITY FOR WAR WORK OVER HOMES

#### Claim of Eminent Economists and Business Men in Bridgeport.

Bridgeport, Conn., June 21.—New England's coming coal shortage will require the federal coal late today, it was declared at a meeting of eminent economists with the Manufacturers' association, chamber of commerce, business men's association, the city fuel administration and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' local division tonight.

### ANTI-WAR PROPAGANDA SENT TO ITALIAN ARMIES

#### By Members of the International Bible Students' Association.

Washington, June 21.—Anti-war propaganda of the International Bible Students' association was not only circulated in the training camps in Italy, but was sent to the Italian army, said a statement issued tonight by the department of justice in connection with sentencing at New York of Joseph P. Rutherford and six other officials of the association to twenty years imprisonment for conspiring to violate the espionage law.

## MORE RULINGS IN "WORK OR FIGHT" ORDER

### Instructions to Draft Boards Issued By Provost General Crowder

### BOARDS ARE DIRECTED TO USE COMMON SENSE

### Store Executives, Managers, Superintendents and Heads of

### Special Departments, Traveling Salesmen, Registered Pharmacists, Delivery Drivers and Men Doing Heavy

### Work Are Not Included in the Non-Productive Class—Repeats Order That After July 1 All Men of Draft Age, Regardless of Their Classification, Must Engage in Employment Held to Be Productive or Join the Army.

Washington, June 21.—Instructions to draft boards were issued today by Provost Marshal General Crowder explaining and amplifying the work or fight order under which after July 1 all men of draft age, regardless of their classification, must engage in employment held to be productive or join the army.

"When it has been determined that a person is engaged in non-productive work," the instructions say, "the classification and order number of such person will be withdrawn and he will be immediately inducted into the military service."

Several specific rulings are made as to the effect of the order upon certain classes named as non-productive. In the case of sports and amusements, the instructions say, "the classification and order number of such person will be withdrawn and he will be immediately inducted into the military service."

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